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**RE: UNITED STATES v. ROBERT C. PISCITELLO**

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today that Robert C. Piscitello, 44, of the Town of Tonawanda, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge John T. Elfvin to a two-year prison term for his conviction on a felony count of filing a false Federal income tax return.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul J. Campana said Piscitello pled guilty January 21, 2005, when he admitted in a written plea agreement that he had filed false tax returns for the five tax years from 1999 through 2003. Piscitello admitted that he failed to report \$2.3 million on his federal income tax returns for those tax years. Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard D. Kaufman said Piscitello also was required to forfeit \$100,000 cash, 18 jeweled watches, two homes in Chautauqua County, plus two vacant properties totaling 19 acres in Chautauqua County.

The tax loss resulting from the failure to report the income was more than \$648,000. Piscitello obtained the undeclared income as a result of using his position as Controller of

his former employer, Innovative Chemical Corporation. Using his access to Innovative's computer system, Piscitello transferred funds from the company to a personal account he had at a bank in Virginia. Though Piscitello admitted his tax offenses, he denied that he stole the money that he did not report on his tax returns.

The guilty plea and sentence resulted from an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, under the direction of Special Agent In-Charge Anne Marie Coons, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent In-Charge Peter Ahearn.

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